Training of legal practitioners in substantive and procedural EU legislation is important to advance efficient cross-border cooperation.

The Lisbon Treaty has for the first time given the European Union a legal basis for concerted action on European judicial training in both criminal and civil law.

However, the Member States retain primary responsibility in this area.

This section will therefore be progressively supplemented by contributions from the Member States, the European Commission and the legal professions.

It takes stock of the current situation as regards:

- European policy on training justice professionals in EU law;
- structures and networks for training legal practitioners at European level; and
- structures and networks for training legal practitioners at national level.

It also promotes the re-use of:

- training materials for legal practitioners, trainers and training providers on various topics of EU law and factsheets on good practices to train legal practitioners for trainers and training providers
- and good training practices.